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We Are...Marshall!

THE NEWSLETTER FOR MARSHALL UNIVERSITY • OCTOBER 8, 2004

Homecoming Readies 'Final MAC Attack'

There's a quickening flurry of activity on campus as Marshall gets ready to welcome alumni, friends, parents and students to a series of gala events marking Homecoming and Parents Weekend with this year's fitting homecoming theme, "The Final MAC Attack." Activities begin Monday, Oct. 18 and run through Saturday, Oct.

23 culminating in the Marshall/Buffalo game which kicks off at 4:30 p.m.

And organizers say there's something for everyone from office decorating contests and the annual 5K Alum Run to tailgate parties and numerous festive get-togethers.

The activities open Monday with the start of the traditional office decoration

contest in which prizes will be awarded. Tuesday brings a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Marco's at the Memorial Student Center.

State of the University Speech Scheduled for Oct. 14

President Dan Angel will discuss institutional accomplishments over the past five years and look ahead to the future during his annual State of the University address next week.

The address will take place Thursday, Oct. 14 in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center during the fall General Faculty Meeting, which begins at 4 p.m. Angel's address is titled: "Acres of Diamonds: A Proud Past, A Prominent Future."

Angel has been Marshall's president since January 2000. Shortly after his arrival, Marshall established its vision for the next decade with a strategic plan titled, "Owning the Opportunity: MU-2010." Angel's State of the University address will include a progress update midway through the 10-year plan.

Other items on the meeting agenda include:

- Introductions and announcements by Faculty Senate President Larry Stickler;
- State of the Faculty address by Stickler;
- Introduction of new faculty by college deans.

Faculty, staff, and students are strongly encouraged to attend the general faculty meeting and Angel's State of the University address.

The announcement of the Homecoming court and office decorating judging results will take place on Thursday.

Friday brings "Green and White Day," which begins early with a live radio remote broadcast from the Erickson Alumni Center by the DAWG Radio 93.7 from 6-10 a.m. A complimentary coach's breakfast sponsored by the Alumni Association and the DAWG radio is scheduled from 8-10 a.m. The Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet is scheduled in the Don Morris Room of the MSC at 6:30 p.m. An Evening with Friends reception is scheduled from 8-11 p.m. in the Big Green Room of the Memorial Student Center. The cost is \$10 per person.

A full day of activities is on tap for Saturday beginning with the Ninth Annual 5K Alum Run at 9 a.m., which is sponsored by the Marshall Recreational Sports Office. Information can be obtained by calling ext. 2943 or 4652. The parent and family brunch gets underway at 10:30 a.m. At 11 a.m., a Greek reception commences in the MSC lobby and each of the Greek undergraduate organizations will be hosting a joint reception for all those in attendance. Following the Homecoming Parade which begins at noon, all Greek members, both alumni and undergraduate, are asked to gather in front of the student center fountain for what is being billed as the largest Greek photo in the history of Marshall.

Before the game, from 2-4 p.m., Lunch Under the Tent takes place at Herd Village. The cost is \$15 per person. A pre-game tailgate, also from 2-4 p.m. and sponsored by

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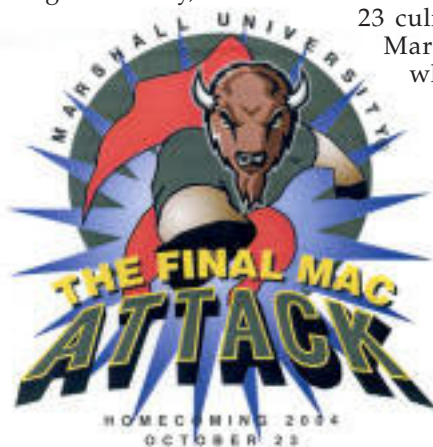
Marshall to Host International Health Care Conference

Marshall University is one of the sponsors of the Third International Conference on Healthcare Systems, the first to be held in the United States, which will take place at the Embassy Suites in Charleston Oct. 14-17. Previous conferences were held in Queretaro, Mexico in 2000 and Ankara, Turkey in 2002. Participants from nine countries and 20 states are expected to attend.

Dr. Ashish Chandra, a faculty member in Marshall's Graduate School of Management, is the Conference Program Chair and is coordinating the conference. In addition to the U.S., countries sending representatives include Australia, Austria, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Slovak Republic, and Turkey.

Other sponsors are the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, University of Evansville, University of Houston Clear Lake, Monmouth University, King's College and Charleston Area Medical Center.

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Teacher Lecturer Program to Present Cheryl Plear Oct. 22

Cheryl Anderson Plear, acting assistant principal of Weimer Elementary School in St. Albans, is the featured lecturer for the College of Education and Human Services 2004 Fall Teacher Lecturer Program, according to Dr. Jane McKee, Associate Dean for Academic Programs.

She is the latest speaker in a series started to meet the diversity needs of students in the COEHS.



Cheryl Anderson Plear will speak on the Huntington Campus Oct. 22.

As part of the lecture series, Plear will be making presentations on "Teaching as an Act of the Heart." Her sessions are open to the Marshall community as well as to the general public.

Plear will be making two presentations on Friday, Oct. 22. The first will be from 9 to 11 a.m. in room 2E28 in the Marshall Student Center. An afternoon seminar will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. in room SM 133 of Smith Recital Hall. On Tuesday, Oct. 27, she will present a program from 4 to 5 p.m. in Shawkey Room 2E28 of the MSC.

Cheryl Anderson Plear has been involved in the field of education for over 30 years. She received a B.A. degree in Elementary Education from West Virginia State College—

Faculty/Staff Achievements

Dr. Ashok Vaseashta served as director of a NATO ASI, titled "Nanostructured and Advanced Materials for Applications in Sensor, Optoelectronic and Photovoltaic Technology" Sept. 6-17 in Sozopol, a resort town of Bulgaria. The scientific event was funded by NATO and jointly sponsored by national funding agencies: NSF, USA; TUBIAC, Turkey; INVOTAN, Portugal; and Ministry of Industries, Greece; Bulgarian Academy of Sciences; Marshall University; and Kansas State University; and Seki Technotron Corporation, Japan. Ninety-one participants from 23 countries covering North America, Western and Eastern Europe, Middle East, and as far as Japan and Thailand, were selected to attend the meeting under guidelines provided by NATO secretariat in Brussels. Vaseashta presented 3 invited lectures and 3 posters with his student Ms. Nora Gao and colleagues from Turkey, Ukraine, and Japan. Vaseashta also presented an invited

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now West Virginia State University—and a master's degree in Leadership Studies from Marshall University. Her educational activities have included serving on curriculum teams for the creation of documents used at the county and state levels. She has served as a presenter at the West Virginia State Teachers Academy and served on the Gifted Education Task Force sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Education.

In 1999 Plear served as administrative assistant and youth counselor for the African-American Heritage Arts camp presented by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History. During the 2000-2001 school year, she was an adjunct professor of education at the now West Virginia State University.

With a passion for music and theater, Plear performs with the Charleston Light Opera Guild during the summer in the youth-oriented musicals which gives her the opportunity to work with young people in a different learning environment.

Medical Offices Open in Barboursville

University Family Allergy and University Pediatrics opened a new office Oct. 4 in Barboursville in Suite 203 of River Place Plaza, 6007 U.S. 60 East.

The physicians in the new office are Dr. Jeff Shaw, a board-certified specialist in allergy and immunology, and Dr. Jay Naegele, a board-certified pediatrician. Paula Chapman, an allergy nurse, will work out of the Barboursville office, as will nursing and office staff from University Pediatrics.

Easy access and ample parking were two main factors in choosing the site, Shaw said. "This will be a convenient location for adults and children who have to come in regularly for allergy shots, as well for parents who need to bring in their children for either allergy care or general pediatric care," he said.

"The Barboursville location will offer patients the same general pediatric services as are offered in the main University Pediatrics location," he said. "For unexpected problems, patients also will have access to University Pediatrics' evening and weekend hours at the Marshall University Medical Center and to its on-call staff seven days a week, 24 hours a day."

The Barboursville office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The phone number is 733-9270.

Homecoming Includes Presentation by Confederate Biographer

As part of the Homecoming activities Jack Dickinson, bibliographer of the Roseanna Blake Confederate Collection in the Morrow Library, will speak at a brunch on Saturday, Oct. 23 in the Hoffman Room of special collections on the third floor of the Morrow Library. The brunch, which is free to the public, is scheduled from 9 to 10 a.m. Those interested in attending can contact Yanzhi Wu at ext. 3201 to make reservations as seating is limited.

Dickinson will recount the life of James P. Stephens, a soldier in the 7th Alabama Infantry, Confederate States of America. Dickinson discovered Stephens' manuscript diary while going through the library's collection. The diary recounts daily life in a military camp, the thoughts and feelings of soldiers about their experiences and those of Southern forces and skirmishes against the Union fort at Pensacola, Fla. Clippings from newspapers and sketches of the camps are also included in the diary.

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The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall!* will carry an issue date of Oct. 22, 2004.

Deadline is Oct. 15.

Articles or other materials for consideration should be sent to Pat Dickson, editor, at the South Charleston campus or by e-mail to pdickson@marshall.edu.



Profile: Sara Wilson

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Sara Wilson

Tucked away in a corner of Smith Music Hall is a self-contained library where music students and music lovers can browse to their hearts' content. There's classical and jazz, and a veritable smorgasbord of other choice musical selections. It's a place to study, and to learn, a place with an eclectic assortment of recordings that will satisfy almost any musical taste.

One of the key people who helps oversee the day-to-day operation of the music library is Sara Wilson, a library associate who in November will mark her 26th year of service to Marshall, the last 15 of them spent in the music library. She's an ebullient booster of the library, willing to sing its praises to one and all.

"We are a self-contained library but we are also an integral part of the MU Libraries System while maintaining a close relationship with Music Department," she says with pride. We do many of the things that the Drinko Library does. We do our own cataloging, book processing, we purchase materials and we have our own circulation systems. We have a music lab that has a MAC lab where students can do their music homework. We have recordings, and many books on music. Because we have limited space, some of the music books are in the Morrow Library."

And right now the library is in the midst of a digitalization project which involves converting some of the library's more valuable LP's to CD format. As part of her job Wilson makes templates for CD's and currently she is making the template for the digitalization project.

Everyone who has a valid Marshall ID is welcome to use the library, Wilson says. It's not just for the students and faculty who use the facilities for academic purposes. "Many people check out music just to listen to for their own pleasure. We have all types of music, mostly classical and jazz but there is other music as well. Many of our students are classically trained and there's a great interest in jazz because we're connected with the Jomie Jazz Center. There's a lot of interest in jazz because Marshall now offers a jazz degree."

The theatre department also uses the library and there have been opera workshops for the past several years where a small group of students perform short operas or opera excerpts, Wilson says.

Wilson comes to her job extraordinarily well prepared. She spent 10 years working in the Morrow library before making the switch to Smith Music Hall. And she brings a wealth of musical ability and knowledge to job. "Music has always been a part of my life, I'm a music person," she says. Growing up in a family where music was important and an interest was encouraged, Wilson took ten years of piano lessons, and has since taken

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Marshall Artists Series to Present 'La Traviata' Oct. 18

One of opera's favorite tragedies, *La Traviata*, will be presented by the Stanislavsky Opera Company, on Monday Oct. 18 at 8 p.m. in the Keith-Albee Theatre.

La Traviata tells the poignant tale of Violetta Valery, the courtesan, and Alfredo Germont, the young man that adores her. Dismayed by their affair, Alfred's father demands that Violetta renounce his son. Afflicted with tuberculosis, Violetta agrees and returns to her former life as a socialite. Violence and tragedy ensue as Alfredo is consumed by anger and jealousy and Violetta's condition worsens.

The Stanislavsky Opera Company was established in 1918 as an opera studio of the famed Bolshoi Opera. The company has received excellent critical acclaim throughout Europe and the Far East and is considered one of the top Russian opera companies performing today.

Tickets can be purchased through the Marshall Artists Series Box Office, located in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. The box office is open Monday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. Phone orders may be taken through the box office for those using a Visa or MasterCard at ext. 6656.

Business Hall of Fame to Induct 4

Four local men will receive Marshall University's highest honor for achievement in business when they are inducted into the institution's Business Hall of Fame at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. It will be preceded by a formal reception at 6:30 p.m. There will not be a dinner this year.

The inductees are: Richard A. "Dick" Muth, president of Muth Lumber Company, Inc.; Glenn W. Hall, retired partner of Somerville and Company; James C. "Jim" Hamer of Jim C. Hamer Company, Inc., and Charles R. "Charlie" Neighborgall III, president and CEO of Neighborgall Construction Company.

Proceeds support the Marshall University Lewis College of Business. For more information or to purchase tickets, persons may contact Lana Egnatoff at (304) 696-3319 or Mary Copley at (304) 696-2316.

Muth, Hall, Hamer and Neighborgall will be inducted into the Hall of Fame in recognition of their success in business and for demonstrating the highest standards of public service and ethical performance.

For the past two years, the Hall of Fame induction ceremony has taken place in Charleston. In future years, the event will alternate between Huntington and Charleston. The Lewis College of Business undergraduate programs are located on the Huntington campus and the Graduate School of Management is located on the South Charleston campus.

Here is a brief look at each inductee:

- Richard A. "Dick" Muth is president of Muth Lumber Company, Inc., in Ironton, Ohio. He is a native of Huntington, where he graduated from St. Joseph's High School and attended Marshall University. Muth and his brother, Tim, purchased Muth Lumber and Kiln Drying from their father, William Muth Jr., in March 1984, forming Muth Lumber Company, Inc., in Kenova. They moved to a larger parcel of land in Ironton, Ohio, in 1987. The company has grown sixfold since the move.
- Glenn W. Hall is a retired partner with Somerville and Company in Huntington. A native West Virginian, he grew up in Ceredo, W.Va., graduating from Ceredo-Kenova High School. After serving in the 85th Fighter Wing of the 20th Air Force in the South Pacific during World War II, he returned to the Tri-State and enrolled at Marshall College, graduating in

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several music classes. Her mother was a singer and her sister is a flutist. Over the years, she's directed an adult choir, been a coordinator for a children's music program and currently plays bells at her church, the Central Christian Church in Huntington. She's sung in choirs but is lighthearted about her singing abilities. "I have a choir voice; I'm okay as one of the group. I'm a blender when it comes to singing."

She's also a gifted dancer but she's extremely modest about that as well. Growing up in Charleston, she took years of dance classes and was a member of a select ballet group, performing in recitals and shows for a number of years. Today she displays her dancing skills as a performer with a liturgical dance group at her church, an activity that takes a lot of time and a lot of dedication on her part.

Wilson graduated from Marshall and went on to take graduate courses in English. And of course there were the music classes she took for her own pleasure and to aid her in her job. "I wanted to learn about music history because that helps me to help patrons better," she says. She moved to Huntington in 1978 and she is delighted that her two children, Mary Curtis, who works in the circulation department of the Drinko Library, and James, a restaurant manager, live in the Huntington area with their families, which include grandchildren John Mark Curtis, and Natasha and James Wilson.

She loves going on unstructured weekend trips on the hunt for antiques or country things, often with Kay Wildman, who is the librarian who oversees the music library. "We like country things, we're not concerned about value, we just collect things we like," she says with her rollicking laugh. "We sometimes just take off on weekends and we go without expectations. We like not being on a schedule. The trips are just for fun."

And she's quick to give high praise to Wildman for her role in running the music library. "She has done so much to make the library what it is today. The library has been in existence since 1974 and Kay was the first accredited librarian to work in it. It has come from nothing to just being phenomenal. I've had both teachers and graduate students comment that for such a small library it's amazing what we're able to do."

Wilson feels she's found her niche in the music library and a favorite part of her job is working with students, both as patrons who use the library and the student workers. A warm caring person, she's devoted to her job. "It's more than a 9-5 job to me," she says quietly. "I look on it as more of a career than a job. If you're going to spend time working at a job, you need to enjoy it. Because we spend most of lives at work, it's important that you like your job. If you don't, you should find another one!"

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One of the goals of the conference is to foster relationships between healthcare academics and practitioners of many countries. Past participants have included academicians, professionals, or students from fields such as health care administration, management, marketing, medicine, nursing, occupational/physical therapy, pharmacy, dentistry, and education.

In addition to the scholarly sessions, arrangements have been made for participants to take bus trips for West Virginia fall foliage tours.

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Parents' Weekend, will offer free refreshments and a chance to meet members of the Marshall community.

A post-game party/dinner dance hosted by the River Cities Marshall Club at the Eagle Distributing Warehouse will feature music by Stratus. The cost is \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Call ext. 2901 for ticket information.

In addition, Pi Kappa Alpha and invited 1950's friends will have a reunion Oct. 22-23.

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1949. In 1954, Hall became a CPA and joined Somerville and Company, a CPA firm, in Huntington. Hall, the youngest of the original partners, practiced at Somerville for 36 years.

James C. "Jim" Hamer reestablished the family wood products business in 1976, three years after it was sold by his father, JP Hamer, thus realizing a lifelong dream. Hamer was born and still lives in Kenova, W.Va., and he is a Ceredo-Kenova High School graduate. Since 1976, the company has grown from a small single circular sawmill operation to a multi-location company with operations to manufacture more than 80 million board feet.

Charles R. "Charlie" Neighborgall III is president and CEO of Neighborgall Construction Co. He is a native of Huntington, graduating from Christchurch School in Christchurch, Va., where he was salutatorian. He started working with Neighborgall Construction Co., the family business, when he was only 14, carrying water to the workmen. He gradually moved up the company ladder, assuming his current position in 1983. His company has built many structures in Huntington, including the recently completed Harless Dining Hall and student housing project at Marshall University. Neighborgall is a 1967 *cum laude* graduate of Marshall.

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presentation at the 13th International School on Condensed Matter Physics, held in Varna Sept. 1-4 and has been invited to advise the Ministry to Science and Technology, Republic of Bulgaria on Nanotechnology Initiatives.

Dr. Jennifer Mak and Dr. Craig Ross from Indiana University-Bloomington had a paper published, "Using the Theory of Planned Behavior to Predict Leisure Educators' Intentions to Use Instructional Technology" in the *Leisure/Loisir: A Journal of the Canadian Association of Leisure Studies*, 28(3/4), 307-328. Her paper, "A descriptive analysis of North America sport management programs: A 21st century look," was presented at the 2004 Pre-Olympic Congress in Greece, with Dr. D. Floyd Jones, Dr. Dana Brooks and Courtney Custer from West Virginia University. Dr. Mak will present a paper "School Policy and Environment: Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand" with Dr. Noy Kay, Carina King from Indiana University and Dr. Chen from Taiwan at the *American School Health Association's 78th Annual School Health Conference* at Pittsburgh in October. In November, her paper, "Factors That Influence the Academic Performance of NCAA Division I Athletes" will be presented at the 25th Annual Conference of North American Society for the Sociology of Sport, with Dr. John Kiger and Dr. Teresa Eagle. In addition, Mak received the *Honor Award* for distinguished professional service and inspiration to West Virginia Association of Health Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.